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PSC SETS PUBLIC HEARING, RESCHEDULES EVIDENTIARY HEARING IN KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER CO. RATE CASE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 8, 2004) The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Lexington on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004, to receive comments on a rate increase requested by the Kentucky American Water Company.

In a procedural order issued today, the PSC also postponed the evidentiary hearing in the case from Oct. 12, 2004, until Nov. 8, 2004.

The schedule will now allow for a local public hearing. The schedule change also was necessary because "the scope and complexity of the issues presented require greater time for review and analysis than originally allowed," the PSC said in its order.

Kentucky American Water Co. serves about 108,000 customers in 10 counties in central Kentucky. The company is seeking to increase its annual revenue by \$7.3 million, or 16.8 percent. The average monthly residential bill would rise to \$21.50, from \$18.65.

The time and location of the local public hearing will be announced at a future date. Because a local public hearing is being held, public comment will not be taken at the evidentiary hearing. The subsequent evidentiary hearing will be open to the public, but participation will be limited to the parties to the case and the PSC and its staff.

The evidentiary hearing, which is expected to last several days, will be held in Hearing Room #1 at the PSC, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, 40602. Written public comments may be submitted to the PSC by mail, fax (502 564-9625) or by e-mail via the PSC Web site, which is psc.ky.gov.

The commission's order and other documents in the case are available on the PSC Web site. The case number is 2004-00103.

The PSC is an agency within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.